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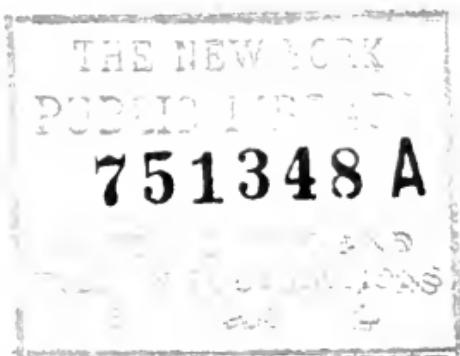
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## PREFACE.

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THE Holy Communion is both the highest act of worship possible to the Christian, and also the richest means open to him for the reception of supernatural grace. By it we do "*show the Lord's death till He come*;" pleading with the Father the merits of the One Sacrifice offered up on the cross, thus taking part in Christ's great act of intercession, and holding up before men the atonement which was made for us upon Calvary as our one and only propitiation. Hence the Holy Communion is called by the Church "our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;" not an offering for sin, but a thank-offering for a perfected redemption. But there is another view of the blessed Sacrament. To the believing soul it is the means of a true and living union with the glorified Redeemer.

The bread and wine remain unchanged after consecration, according to our Lord's words, "I will drink no more of this *fruit of the vine*," and the saying of St Paul, "We are all partakers of that one *bread*;" but, by the word of Christ, and the power of the Holy Ghost, they become the pledges and channels of that mystical union with the Body and Blood of the Lord, by which we so become one with Him, as to participate of His life: as He has said, "My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed," and "he that eateth Me, he shall live by Me." We believe in the "real presence" of Christ at His Holy Table; although, in the words of the venerable Hooker, "we look for the presence of the Body and Blood not in the elements upon the altar, but in the hearts of the devout communicants." This brief view of the nature of the Holy Communion will suggest to the Christian mind, not only the blessedness of its frequent reception, but the necessity of a thorough preparation for it. The heart must be cleansed by self-examination and sincere repentance, devout feeling be

deepened by meditation upon the love of Jesus in our redemption, earnest prayer predispose the soul to a closer communion with its unseen Lord, before the Christian can approach acceptably to the Lord's Table. For this preparation many will need no such helps as this little manual. Advanced Christians, to whom prayer and self-examination have become habitual, may profitably lay aside the use of all forms, in the performance of this, as of all other duties of the closet. But most young communicants do need the assistance of such a manual. They require to be taught how to practise self-examination, while edifying forms of prayer will often be of great use to them in promoting an earnest spirit of devotion. To meet the wants of such, this little book has been compiled. May God give to it His blessing.

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## Help to Devout Communion.

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### I.

#### RULES FOR A DEVOUT RECEPTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

I. During the week before Communion, add to your daily devotions a short prayer for a worthy Communion, either in your own words, or in the Prayer from the Communion Office: "We do not presume to come to this Thy Table," &c. ; or this, "O Lord ! I beseech Thee, visit and cleanse my conscience, that Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when He cometh, may find in me a dwelling-place prepared for Himself; who, with

the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen."

II. While at your work, try to think often of the great blessing you are about to receive, and lift up your heart to God in some short prayer; as, "Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon me!"

"Come, sweet Jesus, live and reign in me for ever!"

"Pour, O Lord! Thy love into my heart, that I may love Thee above all things."

"Lord, I am not worthy Thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed."

III. On the Friday before your reception—which should be, as all Fridays, a day of fasting and self-denial—set

■part some time for an especial act of preparation. This should consist,—

1. Of a careful self-examination of your thoughts, words, and deeds, since your last Communion.
2. Solemn confession to God, with hearty repentance.
3. Resolutions against your besetting sins.
4. Earnest prayer for God's help.
5. Meditation upon the sufferings of Christ for your salvation.

Without such special preparation, no one, as a general rule, should come to the Holy Table.

IV. On the morning of the Communion Day, let your first thought be upon the blessing you are to receive. Pray God to make your heart a worthy tabernacle of Jesus. Try to keep all worldly thoughts out of your mind, and be very watchful over your words and actions.

Receive, when you can do so, at an early celebration, when the mind is fresh, and can attend without distraction to the Service.

In Church attend devoutly to the Morning Prayer and Sermon, and make them a preparation for the higher Service. Be very careful not to let your mind be drawn off from God, by talking, or looking at your neighbors, or any irreverent action.

At the celebration try to think only of the presence of your Saviour, and make the solemn words of the Service your own by using them earnestly and reverently.

When you go forward to receive, shut out all other thoughts, except that Jesus is waiting to enter in and dwell in your sinful heart. Try to avoid all excitement, and receive Christ into a peaceful and loving spirit. Let the right hand be without a glove, and placed across

the left, so that the Bread may be received in the palm of the hand, and lifted to the mouth without danger of dropping any portion of it on the ground.

After you have communicated, endeavor to give the remainder of the time to devotion. Do not look around you and watch your neighbors, but feel the presence of Jesus, and pray to Him for yourself, the Church, your friends, &c.; or read some psalms of praise and thanksgiving, or some appropriate hymn. Never leave the Church until the conclusion of the Service.

On your return home, spend at least a few moments in your closet, praising God for His goodness to you, and praying for grace to continue one with Christ.

Do not fail to attend the Evening Service, and make it a Special Thanksgiving for your Communion, keeping it

mind in the Canticles and Prayers the great blessing you have received.

V. In the week succeeding Communion be watchful against the sins you have renounced, and often pray the adorable Jesus to sanctify you wholly, so that your soul and body may be a Temple fit for Him to dwell in.

## II.

### SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFES- SION.

#### PRAYER BEFORE SELF-EXAMINATION.

O LORD GOD, who searchest the hearts, and triest the reins! I Thy sinful servant beseech Thee to discover to me the evils and deceits of my heart, and all my open and secret faults. Help me to know my short-comings and sins. Give me the broken and penitent heart which Thou wilt not despise. Confessing my transgressions with true sorrow of heart, may I obtain Thy mercy and forgiveness; and, being restored to Thy favor through the love of my dear Redeemer, may I be strengthened against sin, and made worthy to be a follower of Jesus. Lord, hear me!

Lord, help me! for the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Saviour.

#### QUESTIONS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

##### FAITH AND REPENTANCE.

**ON FAITH.**—Do I believe in God with my whole heart? Have I learned to know Him as my Father? Under all circumstances have I been submissive to His providence? Have I felt His presence with me continually? Have I prayed to Him frequently and earnestly? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world? Do I believe He died for my individual soul? Have I realized any thing of His love for me? Is love for Him the one great motive of all my actions? Have I done anything—made any sacrifices, or borne any cross—to prove my affections?

Do I believe in the Holy Ghost as the author of spiritual life? Have I

sought earnestly in prayer for His grace, feeling I can do nothing of myself? Have I felt His presence in the services and sacraments of the Church! Do I use those services habitually and devoutly?

**REPENTANCE.**—Have I felt any real sorrow for sin? Does sin seem hateful to me? And have I really tried to find out my besetting faults? Do I so repent as to turn away from sin? Is my conscience more tender, and my resolution stronger than it was? What suffering and sacrifices am I willing to bear to escape from evil habits?

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

**I. "Thou shalt have none other Gods but me."**

Have I read and studied the Bible regularly so as to know God? Have I allowed any sceptical doubts to remain in my mind? Have I read any infidel

or unchristian books? Have I tried to judge the mysteries of Revelation—such as the Blessed Trinity, the Incarnation, The Holy Sacraments—by my own reason, instead of the Word of God? Have I loved any thing or person more than God? Have I been ashamed to confess myself a Christian? Have I striven to love God with my whole heart, meditated upon Him, thought of Him, and prayed without ceasing for His grace?

II. "*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.*"

Have I lived in the neglect of God's worship? Have I missed my morning and evening prayers? How often? Have I said them reverently and earnestly, or hurriedly and with a wandering mind? Do I attend service in God's House regularly? When there do I kneel upon my knees, avoid conversa-

tion, and all idle behavior, and try to realize the Divine Presence? Am I regular at Communion, and careful in my preparation for it?

III. *"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."*

Have I used any oaths or profane words? If so, how often? Have I used any foolish exclamations? Have I ever spoken irreverently of any thing belonging to God,—such as the Bible, the Church, the ministry, and the Holy Sacraments?

IV. *"Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day."*

Have I stayed away unnecessarily from Church on the Lord's Day? Have I sought my own pleasure upon it instead of God's glory? Have I spent the day in idleness,—reading papers, or visiting? Have I tried to do all the

good I could on the Lord's day to others, -- teaching in the Sunday school, visiting the poor and sick, &c.? Is it the happiest day to me in the week, and do I give more time on it to the duties of the closet than on other days?

V. "*Honor thy father and thy mother.*"

Have I ever disobeyed my parents openly or secretly? Have I been sulky to them, caused them grief by my faults, been an unnecessary burden to them? Have I failed in love, tenderness, and gratitude to them? Do I give to every one their due; e.g., my various relations, teachers, clergy, all in authority?

VI. "*Thou shalt do no murder.*"

Have I been violently angry, or given way to a sullen, passionate, or pettish temper? How did I show it, by manner or words? Have I done harm to

any one anger, — struck them, called names, stirred up quarrels with them? Have I been unforgiving, or cherished desires for revenge? Have I been impatient in sickness or any trouble? Have I been cruel to animals through anger, or wantonness, or love of cruelty?

VII. *“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”*

Have I literally broken this commandment? Have I been guilty of any impure talk, read bad books, listened willingly to dissolute conversation, kept evil desires in my mind, given way to any impure action? Have I valued modesty and purity above all things? Have I been careful to dress with sobriety; been sparing in the enjoyment of worldly amusements? Do I habitually practise self-denial? How far do I comply with the direction of the Church to make each Friday a day of fasting,

and to observe the Lenten season as a time for self-discipline?

#### VIII. "*Thou shalt not steal.*"

Have I taken any thing belonging to another? If so, have I made restitution? Have I been careless in restoring borrowed property? Have I run into debts without knowing whether I could pay them? Have I given too little wages for service? Robbed the poor of their alms? Taken undue advantages in business?

#### IX. "*Thou shalt not bear false witness.*"

Have I told a falsehood? How often? With what purpose? Have I added to or diminished from the truth? Deceived any one in any way, spoken evil of others unnecessarily, and without being certain of its truth? Am I given to exaggeration? Have I told

any secret? Have I judged my neighbour harshly and uncharitably?

X. "*Thou shalt not covet.*"

Do I wish for things God has not given me? Am I discontented and repining? Have I envied any one their looks, money, position, &c.? Do I dislike to hear other persons praised? Have I been covetous of my money? Am I selfish? Have I in any way struggled against the will of God?

N.B.—Many other subjects for self-examination might have been suggested; e.g., the Sermon on the Mount, the duties towards God and our neighbours in the Catechism, many passages in the Epistles: but the above will at least show the young Communicant how to try himself thoroughly and honestly. After self-examination, the heart should be humbled, and repentance

awakened by thoughts of God's hatred of sin, the love of Jesus, His sufferings for our sins, and their final result in the loss of the soul.

#### CONFESSiON AFTER SELF-EXAMINATION.

O my most loving Father! miserable that I am, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Forgive me, for Thy dear Son's sake, all that is past. Wash out in His most precious blood whatever I have sinned against Thee in thought and word and deed. Of Thee, O merciful Father! I beg and hope for pardon. To Thee do I call, and on Thee do I depend, for grace hereafter to serve Thee. I have destroyed myself, but my trust is in Thee. Oh, cleanse me from all sin! and grant me to serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Or use the Confession in the Communion Office. After confession, make fresh resolutions against your besetting sins, and pray earnestly for God's grace to enable you to conquer them.

### III.

## DEVOTIONS BEFORE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

The following devotions may be used in the week before Communion, or in the intervals of the Service itself. They should not, however, be allowed to take the place altogether of prayer in our own words.

### AN ACT OF REPENTANCE.

O MY most loving God, my Creator, and my Saviour ! I grieve from my inmost heart that I ever offended Thee, whom I ought to love above all things. Be merciful, dear Lord, — be merciful unto me ; for I firmly purpose, by Thy help, without which I can do nothing, to offend no more against Thee. Oh, cleanse

my defiled soul in Thy most precious blood ! and grant that, receiving the Blessed Sacrament with a firm faith and an humble repentance, I may be restored to the light of Thy favor, and defended against all occasions of sin, so that Thou mayst abide in me, and I in Thee.

## AN ACT OF FAITH.

O Christ Jesus, very God and very Man ! I believe, and confess with an undoubting faith, that, by virtue of Thy wondrous power, wisdom, and goodness, Thou art spiritually and so most truly present in this Holy Communion. Lord, increase my faith ; fill me with the consciousness of Thy presence. Help me to draw near to Thee with unshaken confidence, and rejoice

my soul with the consolations of Thy love.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

Lord, I am not worthy Thou shouldst come under my roof, but I trust in Thy gracious promise: “Whoso cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.” I know that Thy love for me is infinite. I believe that Thou wilt save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Thee. I look to Thee for everlasting salvation. I plead Thy Name, which is above every name, for the pardon of my sins. Oh, let my hope never be ashamed! Give me that which my soul longs for. Strengthen my assurance of eternal life. Feed me in the Blessed Sacrament with Thyselv. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted! let me never be confounded.

## AN ACT OF LOVE.

O my Redeemer, it grieves me to the heart that I have loved Thee so little in return for Thy affection. But I pray Thee henceforth to pour Thy love into my heart that I may love Thee above all things. Make me willing to sacrifice every thing for Thy sake. Consume all that is sinful within me by the fire of Thy love. Help me to give myself wholly unto Thee. Come, Lord Jesus, — come, and reign in me for ever.

## AN ACT OF SELF-DEDICATION.

To Thee, O my Jesus ! do I devote myself henceforth, — my soul, my body, all the faculties of my mind, and the thoughts and intentions of my heart. I would be Thine, dear Lord, and Thine alone. I renounce

my past sins. I dedicate my whole future life to Thy service. I beseech Thee to take complete possession of my heart. Make my whole being, from henceforth, a sacrifice holy and acceptable unto Thee.

#### ACT OF PREPARATION.

O Jesu, Saviour of the world! who camest to save sinners, and saidst: "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you," behold, I, a sinner, presume to come unto Thee; for with Thee is plenteous redemption. I come unto Thee from whom I have erred and strayed as a sheep that is lost; but, O Thou Good Shepherd, who didst lay down Thy life for the sheep, who camest to seek and to save that which was lost!

seek and save Thy servant, O Lord ! for I do not forget Thy commandments. I come unto Thee, pierced with many wounds, grievously vexed with many evil passions ; but, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me whole. Have mercy upon me, O my Redeemer, for Thy mercies' sake ! Cleanse my defiled soul by Thy blessed Spirit, and then enter into it as Thy dwelling-place for ever. Be to my hungry soul the Bread of Life which cometh down from heaven. Make my thirsting soul glad with the Wine of Thy most precious Blood. O my Wisdom, Righteousness, and Sanctification and Redemption ! give Thyself wholly unto me, that I may become from henceforth entirely Thy own. Amen.

## LITANY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

O God the Father, who didst ~~so~~  
love the world as to give for it Thy  
only begotten Son, —

*Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

O God the Son, who hast re-  
deemed us by Thy most precious  
blood, and by Thy death restored  
~~to~~ us everlasting life, —

*Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier  
of the faithful, uniting them in soul  
and body to the Redeemer, —

*Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

O holy, holy, holy Lord, three  
persons one only God, in whom  
all things live and move and have  
their being, —

*Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who didst lay aside the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world was, and for our sake humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin,—

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

Jesus, who barest our sins in Thy own body on the altar of the cross, and hast by Thy one sacrifice for ever redeemed us from sin and eternal death,—

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

Jesus, our adorable High Priest, who ever livest to make intercession for us at the right hand of God,—

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

Jesus, by whose blessed institution that sacrifice of the cross is for

ever commemorated, and pleaded with the Father in the Holy Communion, —

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

Jesus, who in that Divine Sacrament dost become to us the Bread of Life, and the True Wine that maketh glad the heart of man, —

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

Jesus, our wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption, —

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

By all that Thou hast done and suffered for our salvation; by Thy labors, Thy tears and prayers; by Thy weariness and watchings; by Thy cruel torments; by Thy unknown sufferings; by the an-

guish of Thy cry upon the cross,  
by all the agony and mystery of  
Thy passion,—

*Have mercy upon me and save me.*

From unbelief and irreverence in  
the reception of Thy holy mys-  
teries,—

*Deliver me, good Lord.*

From neglecting to come, and  
from coming negligently,—

*Deliver me, good Lord*

From hardness of heart, and in-  
gratitude for so unspeakable a  
mercy,—

*Deliver me, good Lord.*

From falling again into the sins  
of which I have repented, and  
defiling my soul and body which

have been made the tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, —

*Deliver me, good Lord.*

That a deeper sense of sin, and more ardent desires after Thee, may lead me frequently and devoutly to Thy Table, —

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee, good Lord.*

That by this communion with Thee I may be healed and strengthened, and my heart kindled to a more fervent love, —

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee, good Lord.*

That my communion with Thee may strengthen my communion with Thy saints, and Thy love shed abroad within my heart may

prove itself in love to all around me,—

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee,  
O Lord!*

That through Thy cross the world may be crucified unto me, and I unto the world, so that not being my own, but bought with price, I may glorify Thee in my body and my soul, which are Thine,—

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee,  
O Lord!*

That Thy love constraining me, I may ever submit to Thy blessed will, delighting to go in the path of Thy commandments, and to do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for me to walk in,—

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee,  
O Lord!*

That nourished by the perpetual memorial of Thy passion, I may daily be filled with the Holy Spirit, and grow up into the measure of the perfect man in Christ Jesus, —

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee,  
O Lord!*

That in loving faith and patient hope I may look for Thy appearing, and at length behold Thee face to face, whom I now adore by faith as present at Thy Holy Table, —

*Grant me grace, I beseech Thee,  
O Lord!*

O Bread that cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world, —

*Have mercy upon me and strengthen me to everlasting life.*

O blessed Vine, of which Thy disciples are the branches, and who makest us glad with joy and peace in believing,—

*Have mercy upon me, cleanse me from sin, and rejoice me with the joy of Thy presence.*

O sweetest Redeemer, who hast left us in the Holy Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood a perpetual memorial of Thy sufferings and death upon the cross! give me, I beseech Thee, such true repentance for my sins, and such a living faith in Thee as the only Saviour of the world, that I may draw near to Thy Holy Table in the marriage garment required in Holy Scripture, be fed spiritually with Thy most precious Body and Blood, and,

being made one with Thee by the power of the Holy Ghost, may continue faithful unto death, and at length receive a crown of everlasting life, through Thy merits, O blessed Jesus! who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

## SHORT PRAYERS FROM ANCIENT SOURCES.

## I.

Grant me, blessed Lord, not only to receive that Sacrament in the outward elements, but in the virtue and power thereof; not bread and wine alone, but the Body and Blood of my Jesus, to the remission of all my sins, and to all the other benefits of His death and passion for me.

## II.

O Lord God, the Bread of heaven and the Life of the world ! I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and am not worthy to partake of Thy most holy mysteries ; yet vouchsafe, merciful Lord, to make me worthy by Thy grace, that I may not receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy Son to my condemnation, but to the remission of my sins, and everlasting life.

## III.

I beseech Thee, O Lord ! that I may so worthily receive these sacred mysteries of salvation, as to have Christ dwelling in my heart, and to become the temple of the Holy Ghost.

## IV.

Let not the participation of Thy Body and Blood, O gracious Jesus! which I, all unworthy, presume to receive, be unto me for judgment, but effectual through Thy great mercy for the safeguard of my mind and body, and the healing of my sin-sick soul.

## V.

Grant me, blessed Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood, that I may evermore dwell in Him and He in me.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DAY OF COMMUNION.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God ! I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof ; but as Thou didst not disdain to be laid in a manger, nor reject the sinner when she came unto Thee, trusting in Thy mercy and goodness I approach to the Sacrament of Thy most blessed Body and Blood. I come sick to the Physician of life ; unclean to the Fountain of mercy ; poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth ; humbly beseeching Thee of Thy boundless goodness to heal my sickness, to wash away my defilements, to enrich my poverty, that I may receive Thee with that true faith and repentance, love and humility,

gratitude and praise, which becometh me who am most unworthy of so great a mercy; so that this Holy Communion may be unto me the remission of all my sins, and the preservation of my soul and body unto eternal life. Amen.

*Or thus:—*

O God, the searcher of my heart ! I desire to receive this wonderful and heavenly Sacrament with all the piety and devotion, all the love and fervor, that I ought to feel in the reception of so great a blessing. O Lord, all my desire is before Thee ! My heart is ready, O God ! my heart is ready. I offer unto Thee my whole heart, and all that I am. Lord, hear the desire of Thy servant. Let Thine ear be open to his

prayers. Supply out of Thy abundant goodness what my human weakness lacketh, and accept of me graciously for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION.

Bind the Sacrifice with cords,  
yea, even to the horns of the altar.

Come, Lord Jesus, come and enter in and dwell with me for ever.

Come, holy Jesus, come and take possession of my soul; purify it with Thy precious Body and Blood; empty it of all filthiness, both of flesh and spirit, that it may be fitted for Thy habitation, and that Thou mayest dwell in it for ever.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof.

Speak the word only, and I shall  
be healed. Lamb of God, that  
taketh away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon me! Grant me  
Thy peace!

## IV.

### MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS ON THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST.

No part of a proper preparation for the Holy Communion is more important than meditation upon the sufferings of Christ commemorated in the Holy Supper. Read over devoutly the history of the Passion, dwelling upon its various incidents, and making them the subjects of earnest prayer. Then you may use a part of the following devotions, being careful to make them your own by using them thoughtfully and devoutly; or close your meditations by such prayers as your heart may prompt.

## A PRAYER UPON THE PASSION.

O Son of the living God, who, for the exceeding love which Thou didst bear towards me, hast vouchsafed to become man ! Thou wouldst, for my sake, be born in a stable, and laid in a manger, suffer neediness and poverty, be sore troubled with manifold labors for three and thirty years ; Thou wouldst for agony of soul be bathed in a bloody sweat, be apprehended and taken, shamefully be bound, unworthily be condemned, be smitten with buffets and blows, be clothed in mockery with the purple robe ; Thou wouldst be beaten and torn most cruelly with the scourge, crowned with thorns, overladen with a painful and heavy cross, and at last nailed to the

same cross through Thy blessed hands and feet; Thou wouldest, through three hours of agony, suffer innumerable torments, praying for Thy murderers, saving the penitent thief, consoling Thy anguished mother, thirsting for our salvation, crying out under the agonizing sense of desertion by Thy Father, declaring the finishing of our redemption, and at last commanding Thy pure soul into the hands of God. All this, gracious and loving Jesus, Thou hast done and suffered willingly for my salvation. For me Thou didst pour out Thy most precious Blood, and make Thy soul an offering for sin. All love and praise be unto Thee, my Jesus. To Thee I would devote that soul which Thou hast redeemed. All that I

am I desire to lay down a living sacrifice at the foot of the Cross. Oh, teach me more and more of Thy love which passeth knowledge! Fill me with an ardent affection for Thyself. Make me willing to bear sacrifices and self-denials for Thy sake. By the power of Thy cross crucify me unto the world. May I forsake all sinful pleasures; may I resign myself wholly into Thy hands; may I be knit unto Thee henceforth in a true and loving fellowship; so that, bearing Thy cross in this world, I may at last sing Thy praise eternally in Heaven. Thou art worthy to receive honor and power, for Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy Blood.

## LITANY OF THE PASSION.

*In the form of Collects, that it may be used  
in whole or in part.*

O blessed and adorable Saviour, who didst complete the work of our redemption with many sufferings and woes unutterable, Thy soul being exceeding sorrowful even unto death! give me grace, I beseech Thee, to follow Thee in the course of Thy bitter passion, that I may consider what Thou didst endure for us sinners; and be constrained to live henceforth not unto myself, but unto Thee, who didst give Thyselv for me, and die, the just for the unjust, to bring me unto God.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine  
own mercies' sake.*

O gracious Saviour, who didst stoop to wash Thy disciples' feet, and didst wipe them with the towel wherewith Thou wast girded! overcome the pride and haughtiness of my nature, and engraff thereon Thy meek and lowly spirit, that I may follow Thy example, and never disdain the meanest offices of love to my brethren.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O blessed Jesus, who having loved Thy disciples while in the world, didst love them unto the end, and didst pour out Thy heart in earnest supplications to Thy Father in their behalf! make me to be partaker of Thine unchanging love, and ever to be remembered in Thy

glorious and prevailing intercession, who, having suffered for me on earth, now livest as the Advocate of Thy people, at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O blessed Jesus, who art the bread of life, and the true vine of which Thy disciples are the branches, and who didst institute the Blessed Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood! grant that I may partake of the same with a true and living faith, so that my sinful body may be made clean by Thy Body, and my soul washed through Thy most precious Blood, that I

may evermore dwell in Thee and Thou in me.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O merciful Jesus, who didst suffer innumerable insults and injuries in Thy adorable person, and when smitten in Thy face by the soldier, didst only reply, "Why smitest thou me?" mortify in me all angry passions, that I may not return injuries with malice, nor ever think of revenge, but bear all things patiently for Thy sake, Thou meek and silent Lamb of God, the only Saviour of our souls.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O patient and long-suffering Jesus, who wast denied by one of

Thy disciples and forsaken by them all ! let not Thy compassion fail towards me, who have denied Thee by my sins, and have well-nigh forsaken Thee in the weakness of my faith. Leave me not to myself, but call me back with the look of Thy grace, that I may repent so truly of all my unfaithfulness, and weep so bitterly over my ingratitude, as to obtain Thy forgiveness, through the merits of Thy most precious Blood.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O eternal Jesus, who didst wear the crown of thorns and the purple robe, with which Thy persecutors would mock Thy Heavenly Majesty ! may I ever adore, love, and

obey Thee as the Lord of heaven and earth, and bow our knees at Thy Name, as the only name given among men whereby we may be saved.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O adorable Jesus, of humility and compassion that passeth knowledge, who didst carry Thine own cross to Mount Calvary, and didst bid the mourners who followed Thee not to weep for Thee, but for themselves! grant me to be partaker of Thy Spirit, that I may bear with a patient mind whatever cross Thou shalt lay upon me, and bewail with true repentance our transgressions, so that, crucified to the world, I

may be quickened by Thy cross to life everlasting.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O blessed Lord, who in Thy bitter pains didst pray for Thine enemies that crucified Thee, saying, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do!" give me of Thy Spirit, that I may love my enemies, pray for them, and do good to them who do evil unto me, that at last I may not fail of Thy forgiveness at the day of judgment.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O compassionate Jesus, whilst amidst the agonies of the cross, wast mindful of Thine afflicted mother, commanding her to the

care of Thy beloved disciple, saying, "Woman, behold thy son"! give me grace to be a comfort to my parents in their sorrows, honoring and obeying them in the Lord, even as Thou wert subject unto Thy parent, O Thou divine pattern of goodness in all things!

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O Lord Jesus, full of grace and truth, who, being crucified between two thieves, didst promise to one of them, believing on Thee and confessing Thee, the fruition of paradise! look upon me with the eye of pity wherewith Thou didst behold that repentant thief, that at the end of my life I may be found worthy to hear those blessed words, "This

day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O immortal Jesus, who, when Thou wast pleased to die, didst bow Thine head and commend Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father! grant that when the hour of my departure shall come, I may be willing to leave this mortal life, and Thou being present to my sight, and shining upon me with the light of Thy countenance, I may joyfully commit my soul to Thee, who art the Lord of life, and hast the keys of death and hell.

*Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

**ACTS OF DEVOTION TO THE CRUCIFIED  
JESUS.**

*O Lord Jesus, Redeemer and Saviour of my soul:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding Thy bitter passion, I renounce anew the enemies of my salvation, which I renounced at my baptism, and beseech Thee to give me constantly of Thy grace, that I may never be ashamed to confess Thee my crucified Redeemer, but may fight manfully under Thy banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Thy faithful soldier and servant until my life's end.

*Jesu, most loving Saviour:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding Thy bitter passion, I renounce all malice, hatred, and ill-will towards

them that have injured me, or in any manner have done me wrong; and I pray for Thy grace, that I may ever be able to return good for evil, and to forgive my enemies, as I hope to be forgiven of Thee.

*Jesu, Saviour obedient unto death:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding Thy bitter passion, I renounce my own will, and earnestly beseech Thee to take from me all self-sufficiency, stubbornness, and rebellion against Thy righteous laws, and fill me with obedience and perfect submission, that I may be able in some measure to say, "Father, **not** my will but Thine be done."

*Jesu, Saviour meek and lowly of heart:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding

Thy bitter passion, I renounce my pride and haughtiness of spirit, and pray Thee to give me an humble, patient, and forbearing spirit, that I may be like Thee, my long-suffering Master, who wast oppressed and afflicted, yet openedst not Thy mouth.

*Jesu, holy and immaculate Saviour:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding Thy bitter passion, I renounce the impure and fleshly lusts that war against the soul. Possess me with Thy Spirit, and preserve me chaste and spotless, pure and undefiled, that my body may be a holy temple, and my soul a sanctuary fit for Thee to dwell in; that after a life of piety and chastity here, I may be presented to God, washed and

made clean by Thy most precious blood.

*Jesu, Saviour full of grace and truth:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding Thy bitter passion, I renounce all falsehood, slandering, and evil speaking, and I pray Thee to fill me with the love of truth, that it may abide in my heart and ever proceed out of my lips. Take from me the disposition to look upon the faults of my brethren, and to magnify the imperfections of my neighbor, and fill me with that divine charity that hopeth all things, and thinketh no evil.

*O Lord Jesus, who didst pray Thy Father that Thy disciples might all be one:*

Before Thy cross, and beholding Thy bitter passion, I renounce the sins of heresy and schism, and whatever would disturb the peace and unity of Thy Church. Give me grace thankfully to continue in communion with the Bishops and pastors of Thy flock, and while I have charity for all men, may I contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; for Thy glory, O blessed Saviour, who art the head over all things to the Church!

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,—

*Grant me Thy peace.*

Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sins of the world,—

*Have mercy on me.*

A PRAYER OF COMMENDATION TO THE  
ADORABLE SAVIOUR.

O Lord Jesus Christ, refuge of sinners! I commit myself this day and evermore to Thy protection with most humble devotion. Place me near unto Thee, and protect me from all my enemies, visible and invisible. Say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation. Direct me in all my ways and actions. Console me in all my griefs and afflictions. Defend and preserve me from all evils and dangers. Turn Thy face unto me when the end of my life has come, and may Thy consolations in

that tremendous hour rejoice my spirit.

Hear and receive my prayers, and despise me not when I confide in Thy mercy. Behold I fall down before Thee and worship Thee. And I implore the efficacy of Thy Blood that my sins may be blotted out, that Thou mayest possess me and make me Thine for ever. **Amen.**

## V.

### THANKSGIVINGS AFTER RECEP- TION.

*To be used in the Church, or at home.*

#### I.

GRANT, holy Jesus, that as I have now received by faith the spiritual food of Thy most precious Body and Blood, so I may hereafter behold Thy blessed face unveiled in heaven, to eat and drink with Thy holy angels and saints in their mansions of bliss, where they are satisfied with the fulness of the most ravishing delights in the beatifical vision of the thrice blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, of

whom, and through whom, and in whom are all things. To whom be all glory for ever. Amen.

## II.

We give Thee thanks, good Lord, the benefactor of our souls, for that Thou hast this day made us worthy of Thy heavenly mysteries. Vouchsafe, O Lord ! to confirm us in Thy fear, to preserve our life, to secure our paths, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

## III.

May this blessed Sacrament I have now received, though much unworthy of so great a mercy, seal to my soul both pardon and peace; and now, being made whole, may I sin no more. Amen.

## THE SONG OF SIMEON.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

## GLORIA PATRI.

May the praises of the Lord be ever in my mouth, who do taste and see how gracious the Lord is; for He hath heard our prayers, enlightened our minds, delivered us from all our fears. And oh that the sweet taste of our gracious Lord in this blessed Sacrament may sanctify the affections of my heart, and the

actions of my life ! May I henceforth eschew evil and do good, and, being fruitful in the good works of righteousness and true holiness, attain at last to eternal rest and peace, through Jesus Christ my Lord.

The blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with me now and evermore. Amen.

OTHER FORMS WHICH MAY BE USED IF  
TIME PERMITS.

I.

Glory be to Thee, O Jesus, my Lord and my God ! for thus feeding my soul with Thy most blessed Body and Blood. Oh that this heavenly food may give new life and vigor to my soul ! Grant that I may believe on Thee more firm-

ly, may feel towards Thee more humbly, may love Thee, and serve Thee, and delight in Thee, and praise Thee, more fervently than I have ever done before. Amen.

## II.

I thank Thee, O my Saviour! for this inestimable privilege. I have drawn near to Thy table: I have eaten of the pledges of my salvation. Oh, do Thou feed me with the Bread of Life! Give to me Thy promised blessing. Fulfil to me Thy word, that "he that cometh to Thee shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Thee shall never thirst." Wash me in Thy precious Blood, and cleanse me from all sin. Lord, my eyes are unto Thee. To Thee do I lift up

my soul. In Thee alone do I put my trust. Oh, show Thyself merciful and gracious unto me! Enable me to subdue every sin, and yield up my heart unto Thee without reserve. Jesus, be Thou my strength, my righteousness, my portion for evermore.

#### FORM OF SELF-DEDICATION.

In Thy presence, O heavenly Father! I renew the solemn promise and vows of my baptism. Once more, with sincere repentance and an earnest purpose, ratifying and confirming the same, and acknowledging myself before Thee, bound to believe and to do all those things which were then undertaken by me.

I promise, by Thy help, to renounce the devil and all his works,

the pomps and vanities of the world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh.

I steadfastly believe all the articles of the Christian faith.

And I promise, by Thy grace, to keep Thy holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of my life.

Grant me Thy help, O heavenly Father! and uphold me by Thy grace, and fill me with Thy love, through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

O Lord! give me *wisdom* to see what is right and what is wrong, and wherein I have done amiss.

O Lord! give me an *humble* and *contrite heart*, that I may truly repent me of all my sins, and seek refuge in Thee.

O Lord! give me *strength*, that I

may resist the tempter, and steadfastly cleave unto Thee.

And to Thee, O Lord! be the glory and praise, both now and forevermore.

Strengthen me, O Lord! with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in me Thy manifold gifts of grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Defend me, O Lord! with Thy heavenly grace, that I may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come unto Thy Heavenly Kingdom.

Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

## VI.

### HYMNS APPROPRIATE TO COMMUNION.

#### I. BEFORE COMMUNION.

##### L.

LORD, to Thine altar let me go,  
The child of weariness and woe,  
My home to find.

From sin and sense and self set free,  
Absorbed alone in love to Thee,  
Able to leave in liberty  
This world behind.

Jesus, be Thou my heavenly food,  
Sweet Source divine of every good,  
Centre of rest !  
One with Thy heart let me be found,  
Prostrate upon that holy ground  
Where grace and peace and life abound,  
Drawn from Thy breast.

There let me lean and live and lie,  
As fast the fleeting moments fly,  
    Sands in a glass,  
Which Time may shake with restless hand,  
Yet only at Thy own command,  
Till in a dearer, happier land.  
    My soul shall pass.

Then, then unveiled wilt Thou appear  
To those who, walking with Thee here,  
    These wilds have trod,  
In faith that with the Cherubim,  
The saints, and hosts of Seraphim,  
They, too, may join the eternal hymn  
    To Thee, O God !

## II.

**F**ather of love, who didst not spare  
    For us Thine only Son,  
**O**h, look on Him, and hear the prayer  
    Of Thy poor suppliant one !

Behold His pierced hands and feet,  
    Pleading for us e'en now ;  
Behold that wounded heart so sweet,  
    Behold upon His brow

The traces of the thorny crown ;  
 Behold the stripes He bore :  
 By these He claims us for His own,  
 His own for evermore.

Oh, look on Him, and let the cry  
 Of this our Brother's blood,  
 Who, guiltless, for our guilt did die,  
 Ascend to Thee, our God !

Clothed in His raiment we appear,  
 Kneeling before His throne ;  
 Besprinkled with that blood so dear,  
 The garment Thou wilt own.

## III.

O sacred head once wounded,  
 With grief and pain weighed down,  
 How scornfully surrounded,  
 With thorns Thy only crown !  
 O sacred head, what glory,  
 What bliss, till now was Thine !  
 Yet, though despised and gory,  
 I joy to call Thee mine.

How art Thou pale with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn !  
How does that Vision languish  
Which once was bright as morn !  
Thy grief and Thy compassion  
Were all for sinner's gain ;  
Mine, mine, was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow  
To praise Thee, heavenly Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end ?  
Lord, make me Thine for ever,  
Nor let me faithless prove ;  
Oh let me never, never,  
Abuse such dying love !

Forbid that I should leave Thee ;  
O Jesus, leave not me !  
By faith I would receive Thee ;  
Thy blood can make me free.  
When strength and comfort languish,  
And I must hence depart,  
Release me then from anguish,  
By Thine own wounded heart.

## IV.

I come, O Lord, to Thee !  
**I**n sad and grievous thought, I hear Thy  
 call ;  
**A**nd I must come, or else from Thee I fall  
 Deeper in misery.

I have not sought Thy face,  
**A**nd yet Thou biddest me to taste Thy love,  
 Drawing my faithless heart to things above,  
 By Thy redeeming grace.

Shame wraps my heart around,  
**L**ike morning's gleam upon the mountains  
 spread :  
**I**ndignant Memory, avenger dread,  
 Deepens each restless wound.

Yet must I come to Thee ;  
**T**hou hast the words of life, and Thou alone :  
**T**hou sitt'st upon the mediator's throne ;  
 Where should a sinner flee ?

Nor saints' nor angels' will  
**C**ould lift the burden from this wounded  
 breast.

Weary I come to Thee, and Thou wilt give  
me rest ;  
Thou wilt Thy words fulfil.

I come to Thee : since all  
To faith is possible, in faith I come ;  
As blind and deaf and maimed and halt  
and dumb,  
Before Thy feet I fall.

Whom didst Thou turn away ?  
From what distress was hid Thy pitying eye ?  
What cold rebuke e'er checked the sinner's  
cry ?  
Can I unheeded pray ?

Saviour, oh, come and save !  
Speak but the word, Thy servant shall be  
whole :  
Turn, Lord, and look on me ; quicken my soul  
Out of this living grave.

For Thou art here most nigh :  
Strength in this Bread, refreshment in this  
Wine  
Lie hid, — in earthly things Thy power divine,  
My sins to crucify.

Enter my opening heart :  
 Fill it with love and peace and light from  
 Heaven.  
 Give me Thyself ; for all to Thee is given :  
 Come, never to depart.

## v.

Just as I am, without one plea,  
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
 And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
 O Lamb of God ! I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 O Lamb of God ! I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about,  
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
 With fears within and wars without,  
 O Lamb of God ! I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
 O Lamb of God ! I come.

Just as I am, — Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because Thy promise I believe, —  
O Lamb of God ! I come.

Just as I am, — Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down ;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, —  
O Lamb of God ! I come.

## VI.

O God unseen yet ever near !  
Thy presence may we feel ;  
And, thus inspired with holy fear,  
Before Thine altar kneel.

Here may Thy faithful people know  
The blessings of Thy love,  
The streams that through the desert flow,  
The manna from above.

We come, obedient to Thy word,  
To feast on heavenly food ;  
Our meat, the Body of the Lord,  
Our drink, His precious Blood.

Thus may we all Thy words obey,  
For we, O God ! are Thine ;  
And go rejoicing on our way,  
Renewed with strength divine.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

## VII.

Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed,  
For Thy flesh is meat indeed ;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living Bread ;  
Day by day with strength supplied,  
Through the life of Him who died.

Vine of heaven, Thy Blood supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice ;  
Lord, Thy wounds our healing give,  
To Thy Cross we look and live :  
Jesus, may we ever be  
Grafted, rooted, built in Thee. Amen.

## II. AFTER COMMUNION.

## I.

What happiness can equal mine ?  
I've found the object of my love :  
My Saviour and my Lord divine  
Is come to me from heaven above.  
He makes my heart His own abode ;  
His flesh becomes my daily bread ;  
He pours on me His healing Blood,  
And with His life my soul is fed.

My love is mine, and I am His ;  
In me He dwells, in Him I live ;  
Where could I taste a purer bliss ?  
What greater boon could Jesus give ?  
O royal Banquet, heavenly Feast !  
O flowing Fount of life and grace !  
Where God the giver, man the guest,  
Meet and unite in sweet embrace.

Dear Jesus, now my heart is Thine :  
Oh, may it never from Thee fly !  
My God, be Thou for ever mine,  
And I Thine own eternally.

No more, O Satan ! Thee I fear ;  
 O world, thy charms I now despise !  
 For Christ Himself is with me here,  
 My Joy, my Life, my Paradise.

## II.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
 In a believer's ear !  
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
 And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
 And calms the troubled breast ;  
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
 And to the weary rest.

Dear Name ! the rock on which I build,  
 My shield and hiding-place,  
 My never-failing treasury filled  
 With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus ! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,  
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
 My Lord, my Life, my Way, mine End,  
 Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought ;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath ;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death. Amen.

## III.

O Jesu, best beloved,  
Thou Bread by which we live,  
Who now has deigned most really  
Thy very self to give !  
From every guilt absolve me,  
And grant my grief to be  
Sincere and penitential,  
And welcome unto Thee.

O Jesu, living victim !  
By gifts of grace and love  
Renew my soul and make me  
Acceptable to Thee above.

By broken bread and wine-cup  
 Eternal life impart,  
 And nourish by Thy presence  
 Thy love within my heart.

Make me, sweet Consoler,  
 All vanity to flee ;  
 My Buckler, my Defender,  
 Give me the victory.  
 Teach me Thy ways, Restorer ;  
 And grant, when life be past,  
 In beatific vision  
 To see Thy face at last.

## IV.

Let every heart exulting beat  
 With joy at Jesu's name of **bliss** ;  
 With every pure delight replete,  
 And passing sweet its music **is**.

Jesus the comfortless consoles,  
 Jesus each sinful fever quells,  
 Jesus the power of hell controls,  
 Jesus each deadly foe repels.

Oh, speak His glorious name abroad !  
Jesus let every tongue confess ;  
Let every heart and voice accord,  
The Healer of our souls to bless.

Jesu, the sinner's Friend, abide  
With us, and hearken to our prayer ;  
Thy frail and erring wanderers guide,  
In mercy our transgressions spare.

All might, all glory, be to Thee,  
Refulgent with this Name divine ;  
All honor, worship, majesty,  
Jesu, for evermore be Thine. Amen.

## v.

Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills the breast ;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,  
The Saviour of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart !  
 O Joy of all the meek !  
 To those who fall how kind Thou art,  
 How good to those who seek !

But what to those who find ? Ah ! this  
 Nor tongue nor pen can show ;  
 The love of Jesus, what it is  
 None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only thought be Thou,  
 As Thou our prize wilt be ;  
 In Thee be all our glory now,  
 And through eternity.

## VI.

I do not ask, O Lord ! that life may be  
 A pleasant road ;  
 I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me  
 Aught of its load ;  
 I do not ask that flowers should always  
 spring  
 Beneath my feet :  
 I know too well the poison and the sting  
 Of things too sweet.

For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead :  
    Lead me aright —  
Though strength should falter, and though  
    heart should bleed —  
    . Through peace to light.

I do not ask, O Lord ! that Thou shouldst  
    shed  
    Full radiance here ;  
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread  
    Without a fear.  
I do not ask my cross to understand,  
    My way to see :  
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand  
    And follow Thee.  
Joy is like restless day ; but peace divine  
    Like quiet night :  
Lead me, O Lord ! till perfect day shall shine,  
    Through peace to light.

## VII.

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,  
We keep the memory adored,  
And show the death of our dear Lord  
    Until He come.

His body, broken in our stead,  
Is here in this memorial bread ;  
And so our feeble love is fed  
Until He come.

His fearful deeps of agony,  
His life-blood shed for us we see ;  
The wine shall tell the mystery  
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night  
With the last Advent we unite  
The shame, the glory, by this Rite,  
Until He come.

Until the trump of God be heard,  
Until the ancient graves be stirred,  
And with the great commanding word  
The Lord shall come.

O blessed hope ! with this elate,  
Let not our hearts be desolate,  
But strong in faith, in patience wait  
Until He come.

## VIII.

Heavenward still our pathway tends,  
Here on earth we are but strangers,  
Till our road in Canaan ends,  
Through this wilderness of dangers;  
Here we but as pilgrims rove,  
For our home is there above.

Heavenward still, my soul, ascend;  
Thou art one of heaven's creations.  
Earth can ne'er give aim or end  
Fit to fill thy aspirations;  
And a heaven-enlightened mind  
Ever turns its source to find.

Heavenward still my thoughts arise  
When He to His board invites me;  
Then my spirit upward flies,  
Foretaste then of heaven delights me:  
When on earth this food has ceased  
Comes the Lamb's own marriage-feast.

Heavenward still, when life shall close,  
Death to my true home shall guide me:  
There, triumphant o'er my woes,  
Lasting bliss shall God provide me.

Christ Himself the way has led :  
Joyful in His steps I tread.

Still then heavenward, heavenward still,  
That shall be my watchword ever ;  
Heaven's delights my heart shall fill,  
And from vain illusions sever.  
Heavenward still my thoughts shall run,  
Till the gate of heaven I've won.

## IX.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
Name ever dear to me,  
Oh, may my home at last be found,  
City of God, in Thee !

Oh, may these eyes thy crystal walls  
And gates of pearl behold ;  
Thy stories wrought in precious stones,  
Thy streets of purest gold.

No sun or moon of changing ray  
To tell thy day and night ;  
The Lord Himself thy glory is,  
And Jesus is thy light.

The Alleluiah of thy hymns  
Before the great I AM,  
The harpers harping with their harps,  
The new song of the Lamb.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, there  
Around the Saviour stand ;  
And all my friends who sleep in Christ  
Have joined the glorious band.

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Oh, may my home at last be found,  
Jerusalem, in Thee !

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